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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Durette et al	
Serial No.:	09/086,327	Case No.: 19965Y
Filed:	May 28, 1998	
For:	Heterocyclic Amide Compounds as Cell Adhesion Inhibitors	

Art Unit: 1654
Examiner: Lukton

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

There is an outstanding office action mailed October 22, 1999 for which the three-month response period, having been extended by the accompanying petition and fee for a one-month extension, now ends February 22, 2000. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

AMEND the following claim:

21. (Amended) A compound having the formula Ia:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date appearing below.

MERCK & CO., INC.

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